



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 31, 2006

### **H.R. 4954**

### **Security and Accountability For Every Port Act of 2006**

*As cleared by the Congress on September 30, 2006,  
and signed by the President on October 13, 2006*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 4954 (enacted as Public Law 109-347) allows the Secretary of Commerce to borrow up to \$106 million from the U.S. Treasury to carry out title VI of the act. The Secretary would repay any borrowing with future proceeds from the government's auctions of the electromagnetic spectrum. Up to \$156 million from future auction proceeds will be made available in 2009 for purposes similar to those contained in title VI of this act. (That authority was provided by Public Law 109-171, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.)

CBO estimates that using the borrowing authority provided by H.R. 4954 will cause \$106 million of spending for this purpose to begin earlier, in 2007 instead of 2009. CBO estimates that this act will thus increase outlays from direct spending for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2009 and decrease outlays in each of fiscal years 2010 and 2011. We expect that total direct spending over the five-year period will remain unchanged.

The borrowing authority created by H.R. 4954 would be used by the Department of Commerce and the Department of Homeland Security to compensate broadcasters for the costs of installing emergency alert equipment, to fund research and development efforts for mobile telecommunications devices that can receive emergency alerts, and to provide grants to develop such alerting devices that can be used in remote communities.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4954 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

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	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars									
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>CHANGES IN DIRECT SPENDING</b>										
Estimated Budget Authority	106	0	-106	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	7	50	43	-50	-50	0	0	0	0	0

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